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Arkansas State Board of Acupuncture and Related Technique

Board Meeting Minutes
July 2, 2021
9:00 am CST CST

Jana Brady L.Ac., President / Professional Member
Michele Fincher L.Ac., Vice President / Professional Member
Michael Buffington M.D. / Ex-Officio
Michael Sims / Public Member
Wendy Poole / Public Member

Members Present

Jana Brady Michele Fincher Michael Buffington Wendy Poole Michael Sims

Other Attendees

Russell Burns (ADH)
Joe West (AG Office)
Matt Gilmore (ADH)
Raymond Towne
Kelly White
Todd Wooten
Trey Cooper
Hayden Henningson
Katherine Barton
Martin Eisele

Melody Ry

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Jana Brady at 9:02 am CST.

Review/Approval of Minutes: Minutes from 6/3/21 board meeting were unanimously

approved

Motion: Michael Sims 2nd: Wendy Poole

Financial Report: May 2021 Financial Reports were unanimously approved.

Motion: Jana Brady 2nd: Michele Fincher

Complaint 21-001: Jana Brady recused herself from further action on Complaint 21-001 per the Respondent's legal representation's filed motion. Jana Brady went on mute and shut off her video feed. Michele Fincher took on the role of Board Chair for the remaining actions/discussions on Complaint 21-001. The Board gave Joe West permission to present a Consent Agreement submitted by the Respondent's legal team.

Motion: Michael Sims 2nd: Michele Fincher

The board members confirmed that they had received the Respondent's submitted Consent Agreement the previous day. Joe West covered the Consent Agreement as submitted with the

Board, and Joe presented the Board's options on the Consent Agreement: 1) Accept agreement as written, 2) Reject the agreement outright and set the complaint for a hearing, and 3) Propose a count offer/agreement. The meeting was turned over to Michele Fincher (Vice-Chair) for discussion. After discussion, the Board unanimously voted to submit a counter proposal Consent Agreement to the Respondent for approval.

Motion: Michele Fincher 2nd: Michael Sims

The Respondent's legal team accepted the counter proposal. Joe West is to draw up the new Consent Agreement and provide the document to Russell Burns (Director). Russell Burns will provide the document to Michele Fincher (Vice-Chair) for her signature to resolve Complaint 21-001. A copy was to be provided to the Respondent's legal team for ratification.

Additional Business: Jana Brady resumed as Board Chair. No additional business was addressed.

Adjournment: A motion was made and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 am CST.

Motion: Michael Sims 2nd: Michele Fincher